

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A well fluid comprising:  
  
    water; and  
  
    a salt, the salt comprising at least one formate salt, wherein a weight-to-volume ratio of the salt in the well fluid is within a range of greater than ~~120%~~ 260% to about 400%.
2. (Original) The well fluid of claim 1, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises cesium formate or a mixture of potassium formate and cesium formate.
3. (Original) The well fluid of claim 2, further comprising a halide salt.
4. (Original) The well fluid of claim 2, further comprising sodium bromide.
5. (Original) The well fluid of claim 1, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises potassium formate.
6. (Original) The well fluid of claim 5, further comprising a halide salt.
7. (Original) The well fluid of claim 5, further comprising sodium bromide.
8. (Original) The well fluid of claim 1, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises cesium formate.
9. (Currently Amended) The well fluid of claim 1, wherein the weight-to-volume ratio of the total salt content is within a range of about ~~150%~~ 290% to ~~350%~~ 400%.

10. (Currently Amended) The well fluid of claim 1, wherein the weight-to-volume ratio of the total salt content is within a range of about ~~180% to 300%~~ to 400%.
11. (Currently Amended) A well fluid comprising:
- water;
  - a viscosifying agent; and
  - a salt, the salt comprising at least one formate salt, wherein a weight-to-volume ratio of the salt content in the well fluid is within the range of greater than ~~120%~~ 260% to about 400%.
12. (Original) The well fluid of claim 11, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises cesium formate or a mixture of potassium formate and cesium formate.
13. (Original) The well fluid of claim 12, further comprising a halide salt.
14. (Original) The well fluid of claim 12, further comprising sodium bromide.
15. (Original) The well fluid of claim 11, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises potassium formate.
16. (Original) The well fluid of claim 15, further comprising a halide salt.
17. (Original) The well fluid of claim 15, further comprising sodium bromide.
18. (Original) The well fluid of claim 11, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises cesium formate.
19. (Currently Amended) The well fluid of claim 11, wherein the weight-to-volume

ratio of the total salt content is within a range of about ~~150%~~ 290% to ~~350%~~ 400%.

20. (Currently Amended) The well fluid of claim 11, wherein the weight-to-volume ratio of the total salt content is within a range of about ~~180%~~ to 300% to 400%.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a well comprising:

injecting a well treating fluid into the well, wherein the well treating fluid comprises water and a salt, the salt comprising at least one formate salt, wherein the salt content in the well fluid is within the range of at least ~~120%~~ 260% to about 400%.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises cesium formate or a mixture of potassium formate and cesium formate.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising a halide salt.

24. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising sodium bromide.

25. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises potassium formate.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising a halide salt.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising sodium bromide.

28. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises cesium formate.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the weight-to-volume ratio of the total salt content is within a range of about ~~150%~~ 290% to 350%

400%.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the weight-to-volume ratio of the total salt content is within a range of about ~~180%~~ to 300% to 400%.

31. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a well comprising:  
injecting a well treating fluid into the well, wherein the well treating fluid comprises water, a viscosifying agent, and a salt, the salt comprising at least one formate salt, wherein the salt content in the well fluid is within the range of at least ~~120%~~ 260% to about 400%.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises cesium formate or a mixture of potassium formate and cesium formate.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, further comprising a halide salt.

34. (Original) The method of claim 32, further comprising sodium bromide.

35. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises potassium formate.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising a halide salt.

37. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising sodium bromide.

38. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one formate salt comprises cesium formate.
39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the weight-to-volume ratio of the total salt content is within a range of about ~~150%~~290% to ~~350%~~400%.
40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the weight-to-volume ratio of the total salt content is within a range of about ~~180% to 300%~~ to 400%.